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## NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN

Elinor Fredrick. (WAAC, Ft. Des Moines). At present we are studying map reading and a lot of things such as air raid precaution, sanitation, military etiquette, identification of planes, interior guard and army organization. You've no doubt heard that Mrs. Roosevelt was here to visit our camp. I realized I would be on K.P. that day. The duty is assigned alphabetically and the "F's" were up. We start K.P. at 10:45 and that would be too early for her to visit our barracks. I kept on hoping, however, and sure enough when the list came out I drew mess #1, where she was to eat.....I think it is remarkable how nice people are who really have something to be "stuck-up" about.....We get up at 6:15 and don't get any time to ourselves until 6:30 p.m., but I like it and feel really grand.

James Hall. (Captain, U.S. Army). My present assignment in the Office of the Inspector General in Washington, D. C. is most interesting. It reminds me a great deal of Planning Section and FFMC work.....Will you please convey my best regards to all the boys and girls at the FCA. I enjoy the Grapevine and appreciate the news.

Herbert F. Schwalm. (Apprentice Seaman, Great Lakes Naval Training Station). It's really swell here.....We have to work plenty hard, but it's worth it.....Every morning at 5 o'clock the bugle blows and we have to hustle until night. I really appreciate the "chow" bugle.....Everybody calls everybody else "Mac" up here. If you want a guy, you just holler "Hey, Mac." Try it on some of the sailors you see. Not that I want to give you gals any ideas.....In case you don't know about our uniforms, the 13 buttons on our pants are for the 13 original colonies, white stripes around the shoulder for "above deck" men, red stripes "below deck" men.....You ought to see me do the Great Lakes Shuffle. I stick a large piece of steel wool under my foot and I

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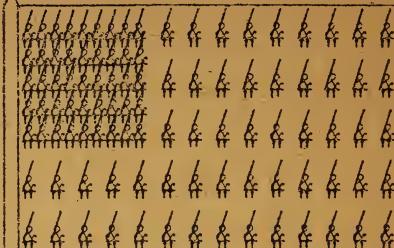
## TIME FOR SPRING PLOWING

The extent to which farm credit employees are thinking about Victory Gardens is indicated by the number of requests which the Club's Victory Garden Committee has received from persons who want garden plots plowed. Indications are that plowmen are so scarce that they should be rationed. Mr. D. M. Webb, Principal of the Garfield School, who has undertaken, with the aid of newspaper publicity, to bring plowmen and KC Victory Gardeners together, reports that he has 15 men lined up to take care of about 5,000 requests for garden plowing.

Under the circumstances, the chances of getting a garden plot plowed appear to be rather small. However, the Victory Garden Committee is doing what it can in this connection and suggests that if you want a garden plowed you call branch 79 so as to have your name placed on the list of persons who desire this service. Lists will be made up weekly and given to Mr. Webb who has indicated that he will assign one plowman to the list during the following week. In most of this area the ground appears to be workable and it is suggested that you attempt to make arrangements for plowing your plot as soon as possible. (ISD)

BUY WAR BONDS

## FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



### New FCA Employees to Service:

Marguerite G. Nelson	Jack Porterfield
Elinor L. Fredrick	Donald G. Skow
Herbert F. Schwalm	W. Emery Brown
Robert L. Sherrod	Omer W. Herrmann
William E. Wright	Donald D. McRae
Gertrude S. Grove	Harold D. Walker

(TOTAL 125)

*Strictly Personal*



**E&CR.** Mr. & Mrs. Ira Castles are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter..... Elizabeth Ann Davis is in St. Luke's Hospital recovering from injuries received in a fall from a horse.....Mrs. Young visited friends in St. Joseph, Missouri.....F. L. Newhouse spent a few days vacation in Minnesota.....Our WAAC, Elinor Fredrick, reports that she is enjoying army life at Ft. Des Moines.

**General Files.** Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Epperson received the nicest kind of a valentine - a  $6\frac{1}{2}$  lb. baby boy, Gerald Wayne.....Betty Lou Foster visited her parents last weekend in St. Joseph, Mo.... Roberta Harlan has returned from a brief vacation spent in Oklahoma.....Mrs. Collins is entertaining a guest from Chicago this week.....Mrs. Deane Ruth has returned from a short vacation into Iowa. Her husband who has been visiting her has

returned to the Great Lakes Naval Training School.....Donald Skow, recently inducted into the army, stopped in K. C. to visit FCA friends enroute to visit his parents.....Evelyn Nicholson is visiting relatives in Iowa.

Chief Clerk's Office. Eleanor Ferguson returned briefly to the office after a 2-week sick leave. She has now left for a visit with her family at State College, Pennsylvania.....Elma Muller has recently returned from a week's visit to Washington, Illinois.

Production Credit. The members of the Production Credit Division and their wives helped the C. R. Arnolds celebrate their silver wedding anniversary with a surprise dinner party at the Victor Hugo on Saturday evening, February 20, presenting them with a lovely silver steak set.....Following the dinner the party adjourned to the Ken Scott Manor where movies of the group and a recording were made and presented to the honored guests.

Cooperative. Wharton Bruce is in town for several days.....Dorwin Scott has completely recovered and is managing the Treasurer's office of the Central Bank during Milton Clark's absence.....Charline Richardson has returned from her vacation spent in Texas and Oklahoma.....Helen Moritz, accompanied by her sister from Washington, left last week to spend her vacation at her home in Junction City, Kansas.

Mortgage Corporation. Arthur Hendricks has resigned to enter law practice in Marion, Illinois.

Stenographic. Anne Dial was called to her home in Cheyenne, Wyoming by her father's illness.....Pauline Taylor, our former Society Reporter, is now in the Solicitor's Office. Gertrude Spear is our new Reporter.....Anne Zwerman is on a vacation at her home in Zanesville, O. Ida Bernstein, Margaret Sterling, Hortense

Mobberly, and Delma Ellstrom have been detailed to RACC....Ellen Beery has been detailed to Mr. Pepper's office, Land Bank Division.....Marjorie Freel enjoyed a visit with her cousin, Mildred Dilling of New York City recently.

Finance and Accounts. Ida Bernat recently entertained her sister from Cherokee, Iowa.

Land Bank. On an hour's notice Lucille Holmes breezed to Lincoln, Nebraska, to see her first niece and a brother who is entering the armed forces....Patriotically, Edna Woods traveled in the middle of the week recently and spent 3 days at her home in Louisiana, Missouri.....Mary Markel went home to Hoisington, Kansas, on George Washington's Birthday.....First Lieutenant Arthur Bayless is stationed at Camp Callan, San Diego.....Dorothy Griffith recently returned from an enjoyable visit with her folks in Backus, Minn.....Word from Clarence Kongs, now naval air cadet, informs us "Navy life is tops".....Auxiliary Gertrude Grove has come to study dots and dashes in the WAAC radio school here for 3 months.

Personnel. Pvt. George Weinbarg of Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, stopped in to see us recently.....Camille Humbrecht made a field trip to the FCA of Louisville recently.....Mildred Lindbloom and Josephine Gerdas spent a weekend recently at Mildred's home in Osage City, Kansas.. Kenny Lowe is the new messenger-clerk in Personnel.....Alice Snuffer spent a weekend recently with relatives in St. Joe, Missouri.....Inducted into the SPARS Feb. 10 were Nell Mellott, Pauline McCoy, and Peggy Wilkinson. They will leave in March. Peggy's sister, Mary, is also a SPAR, which gives their father, J. L. Wilkinson, a special stake in this war... Mildred Peterson is spending a few days with relatives in St. Joe, Missouri.

## OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Washington has been quite fortunate to have a good many visitors recently so we not only get the news firsthand, but also get to say hello to old friends. Joe Spelman and Charles Ritter dropped in to see us February 19, and Milton Clark was in the week before.....Dolph Fugitt has transferred to WPB and Selma Rocke to Solicitor's Office here.....Blanche Stone's friends will be glad to hear that she is on the way to recovery. Grace McGuire talked to her today and Blanche said she expects to be back in K.C. soon. Mrs. Irene Poston transferred from CR&S to FDA.....CR&S welcomes a new agricultural economist - J. Warren Mather from Manhattan, Kansas....Mrs. Gadde came by to say she liked her new job at the Navy Dept. and that she sees quite a lot of old FCA employees every day - Ensign Wnuczek, Martin Petersilia, Felton Robey, Kay Henton, Claire Hart, Margaret Harriman and several others.

## NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN

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really go to town on the decks (floors to you landlubbers). Seriously, it takes off the marks made by our rubber heels.

Dave Stanley. (Aviation Cadet, Nashville Army Air Center). As you can see, I've changed both my title and location. This is an aviation cadet classification center. We cadets are interviewed and tested extensively and are then classified as bombardier, navigator, or pilot - or else reassigned to something else. I don't know yet what they'll do with me. Currently, I'm cooped up in barracks for 2 weeks because one of our number was so unwise as to come down with German measles, so we are in quarantine.....As an old personnel hand, I was very much interested in the tests we were given. First we had a full day of multiple choice written tests - all of a type which

are scored electrically. There were all kinds of tests: arithmetic, algebra, matching maps and diagrams, vocabulary, aircraft information and even sports and hobbies. Then we got a half-day of speed of reaction and coordination tests. I had to operate an airplane stick and rudder in such a way as to match up red and green lights on a control board. Other tests measured steadiness of hand. We had to hold one electric stylus on a certain spot in a revolving disk and another in the center of a small hole without touching the edges. (Not at the same time - those are two different tests. Sorry.)

This camp is not so hot. All we see are tar paper buildings, mud, and coal smoke. The food is good, and so are the beds. We have plenty of steak, chicken, pie, and quantities of good coffee. It would break your heart to see the amount of coffee we use for second helps.....I've been here 2 weeks now.....It's nice to be up the ladder one rung above buck private. That doesn't keep me off K.P. though. I jockeyed a mop around the mess hall twice this week.

Michael Sofchak. I can't tell you much (in fact nothing) of my present whereabouts, but believe me it isn't the worst place in the world. It's a large city (we aren't exactly in it, but accommodations to and from are excellent - distance from camp is about 35 miles) and talk about girls here, and I must admit that there are quite a few of them that are really nice.....They sure go for Yanks, especially Marines. Believe it or not but they actually come after the boys instead of vice versa. All the other people here treat us just swell. It's really heavenly but I'm sure it won't last too long, and our training has started so you know what's up.

You know I've been a mighty lucky guy the past recent months, I guess I've got nine lives like a cat only I made the mistake

of not keeping count of the ones I lost so that when my number 8 one left me I could call it quits, that is if one could call it quits in this game. Regarding my injuries, well I was cut up by a bayonet on both hands and left wrist. The wounds have healed perfectly and the scars are hardly noticeable. Back home my Mom received a telegram on Christmas day informing them of my being injured in action. I can easily imagine what kind of a Christmas they all enjoyed.

Stanley O'Donnell. (Private, 1146 Technical School - Flight G, AAFTTC-BTC 4, Miami Beach, Fla.) They finally got me. Am feeling fine but homesick. Regards to my friends in K. C. and would appreciate hearing from them. How about sending me the Grapevine?

#### CONTRACT MEDICINE AVAILABLE

A contract medicine organization, The National Health Foundation, offers a medical, surgical, and hospital plan that allows the member to budget his medical expense. Monthly fees per individual are \$2.00, with additional charges for other members of the family. The Farm Credit Club has made no investigation of the National Health Foundation and this notice should not be interpreted as a recommendation of the plan. Persons interested may obtain additional information from the Foundation, Victor 8530.

#### KNOW-YOUR-KANSAS-CITY TRIP NO. 1

Farm Credit Club hikers will have the opportunity to join in a series of trips to points of interest in Kansas City and vicinity accessible by street car or bus.

The first trip, on Sunday, February 28, will be to the northeast section of the city, featuring a visit to the Kansas City Museum and Kansas City's "Skyline Drive", known locally as "the most beautiful city drive in America." There will be a scenic 3-mile walk on the "toe path"

along winding Cliff Drive, which is built into solid bluffs and affords widespread views of the industrial section of the city, to the lunch place near a spring.

After lunch we shall inspect the varied exhibits at the museum. The displays include South Seas, Java, Aztec, Chinese, Indian, stone age relics, wood carving, etc., as well as a Hobby Club exhibit, which will be of special interest in view of plans for the FCA Hobby Show.

Those who are satisfied with an easy 3-mile jaunt may take the bus back to town a few blocks from the museum. The hikers will continue another 3 miles on the picturesque trail in North Terrace Park to the end of Cliff Drive. On this portion of the walk the skyline of the city's business section is seen in the distance, while perched high above the path on the hillsides are castlelike homes silhouetted against the horizon.

The meeting place for the trip is the Union Bus Terminal, 917 McGee Street, at 11 o'clock. Bring lunch and camera. Trip leader: Dora L. Marquette. Rain or shine the trip will be taken as scheduled on February 28; but if the weather is inclement, the hike will be repeated the following Sunday.

#### ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN RESPOND TO APPEAL

Miss Connor reports that up to the present time, 147 FCA women have volunteered to help in the preparation of surgical dressings, sewing, and knitting, and in stenographic and typing work for the Red Cross.

The Red Cross also wants volunteers from among FCA men to help with the coming War Chest Drive. A questionnaire will be circulated later to obtain volunteers.

#### BRIDGE

After viewing the situation from every angle, we've decided that Bridge is the

indoor sport that will take us off our feet and save shoe leather. So we're lining up all Farm Credit Bridge enthusiasts right now. We want new employees to be in on this too. Watch the Grapevine for further developments.

Everyone who is interested in Bridge is asked to fill in the blanks below and sent to K. Thomas, room 2960.

Elementary Bridge \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced Bridge \_\_\_\_\_  
Bridge Club \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_  
(KT)

#### GIVE A BOOK FOR VICTORY

A valuable and conveniently packaged projectile of morale is a good book. This book may deal with the war; it may deal with the peace; it may range from current affairs to history and biography; it may entertain, inspire, illuminate; it may provide technical information to help a fellow get ahead in the Army or Navy today and in civilian life tomorrow. But most importantly, it is a book that is not dog-eared or tattered; it is not scrap.

As a weapon in the war of ideas, a book has a place to fill in this war. Whether as a source of morale or information, it is recognized by our military leaders as part of our fighting equipment. Our purpose, therefore, is to provide good books for the increasing millions of our fighting men - soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen, merchant seamen.

To sum up, good books are ammunition; good ideas are bullets. So give a book in the Farm Credit Club's Victory Book Campaign. Just place the book in your outbox marked "Victory Book," or deposit it on the book table in the Fourteenth Street lobby. (PLR)

#### CREDIT UNION HAS WAR BOND RECORD-OF-OWNERSHIP BLANKS

So many farm credit employees asked for the form to record ownership of United States War Savings Bonds that the supply of 500 blanks was soon exhausted. But the credit union now has a new supply and any persons who did not get these forms can now get them at the Credit Union office. A record of this kind is valuable for reference, and it will help to establish ownership in case any bonds are lost. (MP)

#### CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNTING MAKES FIRST GROUP DONATION

Last week 35 employees, or better than 50 percent of the personnel of the Central Office Accounting Section volunteered to become blood donors. They are scheduled to go to the Center in three groups, starting at noon today. This is the first group donation of its size in the Farm Credit since the initial appeal for blood donors was made, and we believe these employees are deserving of congratulations for their fine contribution to the war effort.

#### NEW BOOKS AT THE CLUB LIBRARY

Memo to a Firing Squad by Frederick Hazlitt Brennan  
Ship's Doctor by Rufus W. Hooker  
Blackout in Gretley by J. B. Priestley  
The Black Angel by Cornell Woolrich  
Good-Bye My Son by Marjorie Corwyn  
The Smell of Money by Matthew Head  
The Year of August by Mark Saxton  
Siren in the Night by Leslie Ford  
Donovan's Brain by Curt Siodmak  
Congo Song by Stuart Cloete  
Only the Valiant by Charles Marquis Warren  
The Corpses at Indian Stones by Philip Wylie  
Tokyo Record by Otto Tolischus  
Colonel Effingham's Raid by Berry Fleming  
Prophet by Experience by Jack Iams  
Mr. Winkle Goes to War by Theodore Pratt

The Human Comedy by William Saroyan  
Rice in the Wind by Kathleen Wallace  
Between Thunder and the Sun by Vincent  
Sheean  
The Arm and the Darkness by Taylor  
Caldwell

#### A POEM GOES TO CAMP

Dear Editor:

I sent a copy of the poem "WAAC'S DRILL SERGEANT," which I clipped from a Grape-vine, to a soldier at camp. He posted it on the bulletin board and he says, "We're all getting a big laugh out of it."

A good laugh won't hurt morale any, will it? (BS)

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#### ODE TO THE AUDITORIUM

Oh! for a breeze  
A gentle breeze  
To gently blow our hair.  
But alas!  
There's a wall  
A solid blank wall  
Instead of the windows  
That never were there. (Anon.)



#### BOWLING

February 15. Personnel and Administrative scored clean sweeps over Legal and Field Accounting. Cooperative, Finance and Accounts, and Reports each won two games from Land Bank, Files, and Mortgage Corp. Mortgage Corporation was assured of first place when Accounts won two games from Graphic.

February 22. Accounts, paced by Reed's fine 193-543, won three games from Finance and Accounts. Eufinger was high for F&A with 177-472. Administrative and Land Bank scored clean sweeps over Files and Legal. McClurges's 514 and Collins' 484 were too much for a game Files team. In view of the loss of manpower, Kowalski and Schlick deserve much credit for keeping the Files team supplied with bowlers long enough to finish the season. Paul Tomasello's big 185-523 helped Land Bank beat Legal, who were short two of their star bowlers at a time when they were sorely needed. Led by Jones and Weinberg, with 455 and 450, Graphic, by winning 2 games from Cooperative, placed second in the league. Frazee's 174-488 saved one game for Coop. Field Accounting and Reports clipped Mortgage Corporation and Personnel for a pair of wins. Rall's 521, Hein's 500, Fowler's 523, and Smith's 446 were high for their respective teams. High individual averages for the season were won by Fowler, Menk, and McClurg with 172, 170, and 168, respectively. McWhirt's high game of 234 and Morrison's set of 598 stood despite many fine games and sets rolled since each record was established. Graphic won high team set with 2,491 and Reports won high team game with 932. The

bowlers of the FCA women's league merit thanks for so capably filling in when the various teams in the men's league needed replacements due to the loss of players to the armed services.

Team Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Mortgage Corporation	42	24	49,000
Graphic	38	28	46,232
Administrative	34	32	48,872
Cooperative	34	32	42,711
Accounts	33	33	47,401
Land Bank	33	33	47,072
Field Accounting	33	33	45,055
Personnel	33	33	44,591
Reports	31	35	51,000
Legal	30	36	47,807
Finance and Accounts	30	36	46,615
Files	26	40	45,535

Averages

Fowler	172-9	Hein	164-10
Menk	170-37	Thomson, G.	163-47
McClurg	168-5	Prewitt	163-16

Records

H.T.G. - Reports	932
H.T.S. - Graphic	2,491
H.I.G. - McWhirt	234
H.I.S. - Morrison	598

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Led by Turner's 182-451, Personnel broke the records last night emerging with both high team game and high team set and taking all three from Central Office Accounting. Ross was the star of the latter team with 159-487. Bark of Administrative rolled high set of the year, and also topped the individual averages. Bond and Cash registered a clean sweep over Audit with McCabe's 166-430 high, and Y. Meuers led Finance and Accounts to a triple win over Cooperative with 151-421. M. Hamilton's 162-420 paced the Stenographers for a 3-game win over Long-Term Credit;

Examination downed Short-Term Credit in the odd game, Nolz showing the way with 152-421.

Team Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Administrative	48	18	38,888
Examination	42	24	36,721
Central Office Acctg.	39	27	40,112
Personnel	39	27	38,674
Stenographic	38	28	36,906
Audit	34	32	34,933
Bond & Cash	33	33	34,755
Cooperative	32	34	35,529
Short-Term Credit	28	38	35,354
Long-Term Credit	22	44	34,671
General Files	21	45	31,752
Finance & Accounts	20	46	33,679

Averages

Bark	141.17	Ruch	140.6
McGee	140.26	Ross	136.40

Records

H.T.G. - Personnel	735
H.T.S. - Personnel	2,083
H.I.G. - Albrecht	214
H.I.S. - Bark	508

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